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# PROJECT AND PLANNING SCHEDULE

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Greetings:

Enclosed is the January, 2000 issue of the Elko Field Office Project and Planning Schedule and an explanation of the schedule. If you would like to have your name removed from the mailing list for this schedule or would like to update our mailing information, please provide the information requested below and return it to the Elko Field Office at the following address:

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Thank you for your interest in public lands.

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# BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

## ELKO FIELD OFFICE

### PROJECT AND PLANNING

### SCHEDULE JANUARY, 2000

#### **Introduction:**

The attached schedule is designed as a source of information on the status of environmental reviews in progress at the Elko Field Office. It is issued biannually. We hope that this information will increase your awareness of BLM activities and your opportunities to discuss these activities with us. Below are some definitions that may be useful to you in reading the attached schedule.

**NEPA:** The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (Pub. L. 91-190, 42 U.S.C. 4321-4347) is our basic national charter for protection of the environment. In the Act, the Congress declared a national policy to, among other purposes, encourage productive and enjoyable harmony between man and his environment, promote efforts which will prevent or eliminate damage to the environment and biosphere and stimulate the health and welfare of man, and to enrich the understanding of the ecological systems and natural resources important to the nation. All proposed actions on or affecting public lands or resources must be reviewed for NEPA compliance. NEPA procedures must ensure that environmental information is available to public officials and citizens before decisions are made and before actions are taken.

**Environmental Impact Statement (EIS):** The EIS level of analysis is conducted for major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the human environment (**DEIS** refers to a draft EIS and **FEIS** refers to a final EIS).

**Notice of Intent (NOI):** A Notice of Intent to prepare an EIS is published in the Federal Register as soon as is practical after the determination to prepare an EIS is made. Publication of a NOI formally begins scoping for an EIS, and is done to notify persons or agencies interested in or affected by a proposed Federal action and to seek information and public participation.

**Record of Decision (ROD):** The Record of Decision is the decision document

associated with an EIS.

**Environmental Assessment (EA):** The EA level of analysis is used for actions that do not normally require an EIS. The EA provides evidence and analysis of impacts on the quality of the human environment, serves as a vehicle for an interdisciplinary review of the proposal and identification of appropriate mitigation measures, and facilitates the preparation of an EIS when one is necessary.

**Decision Record (DR):** The Decision Record is the decision document associated with an EA.

**Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI):** The FONSI is the finding associated with a DR when the EA demonstrates the project would have no significant effects. If impacts are determined to be significant, an EIS is prepared.

**Land Use Plan Amendments:** Plan amendments serve to address proposals that are not presently considered in the land use plan but are worthy of consideration before a complete plan revision is done. A plan amendment is narrow in scope but meets all the requirements for completion of a land use plan.

**Allotment Evaluations (AE):** An allotment evaluation is not a NEPA document but does invite public participation. It is the evaluation of management actions to determine progress toward meeting resource management objectives. AEs determine if, and to what extent, adjustments in management actions, including grazing prescriptions, stocking levels, and range improvement practices, are necessary. Actions recommended in AEs undergo NEPA analysis before being implemented.

**Administrative Determination (AD):** The Administrative Determination process has at this time been replaced by the Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance And NEPA Adequacy Review (DNA) process. The AD documented a finding that the action being proposed was already covered in an existing environmental assessment or environmental impact statement prepared by the Bureau or another agency (where the Bureau has been designated as a Cooperating Agency), and that the action did not need to be analyzed in a new environmental document.

**Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance And National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Adequacy Review (DNA):** The DNA process replaces the Administrative Determination documentation. DNAs are prepared in order to assist the resource specialist in determining conformance with the appropriate land use plan and assessing whether existing NEPA documents adequately cover current proposals. The use of existing NEPA documents is appropriate when a current

proposed action previously was proposed and analyzed (or is a part of an earlier proposal that was analyzed), resource conditions and circumstances have not changed, and there is no suggestion by the public of a significant new and appropriate alternative. The DNA process serves to establish an administrative record that clearly documents a thorough evaluation of whether or not new circumstances, new information, or unanticipated environmental impacts warrant new analysis or supplementation of existing NEPA documents.

### **How Can You be Involved?**

You can let us know your views and concerns as the analysis is being developed and during formal comment periods. In order to influence the decision, you must be a part of the process. Early participation in the process helps to ensure that your concerns are addressed. If you would like more information on any of the projects on the following pages, please contact the designated project coordinator at the address/phone number listed below:

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Unless we hear otherwise from you, you will automatically receive updates to this schedule. The next schedule is due out in July, 2000.

## **YOUR INVOLVEMENT AS AN INTERESTED PUBLIC FOR PROPOSED RANGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

New grazing regulations became effective August 21, 1995, which contain many provisions for public participation in the BLM's decision making process. Consultation, cooperation and coordination (CCC) is the core of the public participation process and provides the BLM decision-maker the opportunity to consider the most complete information before making decisions. The new regulations require consultation with the resource advisory council, affected permittees, lessees, and members of the interested public during the planning of the range development or range improvement programs.

It has been our experience that public interests change over time and it is necessary to periodically update our interested public mailing lists to reduce unnecessary mailings. The Elko Field Office issues a letter annually to all resource management planning participants which outlines the regulatory requirements under the Federal regulation 43 CFR 4100 for identifying oneself as an interested public. In response to this annual letter, for example, you may have identified yourself as an interested public wishing to participate in the decision-making process for range improvements in a particular allotment. Accordingly, if a range improvement project has been proposed in an allotment for which you have identified yourself as an interested public, your name has been included in the mailing list for this Project and Planning Schedule.

Your comments to specific proposed range improvement projects contained in this Project and Planning Schedule are an important part of the decision-making process. This Project and Planning Schedule is also being used to meet regulatory requirements to consult with members of the interested public for planning range developments or range improvement programs. However, we also understand that interests do change and the interests of some may be of a more general nature than others. Therefore, in an effort to further reduce unnecessary mailings, you will not be sent any further information regarding a specific proposed range improvement project contained in this Project Planning Schedule unless you request it or provide comments on a particular proposal(s). If you provide written comments or request to receive further information for a particular proposed project within an allotment for which you have identified yourself as an interested public, you will be sent a copy of the Decision Record for the Environmental Assessment or other appropriate NEPA compliance documentation. As described in the new grazing regulations, the decision document following the environmental analysis shall be considered the proposed decision under 43 CFR 4160.

If you wish to be considered an interested public and participate in the decision making process for the management of livestock grazing on specific grazing allotments, you may do so at any time. Your request to be an interested public must be in writing and should include: 1) the specific allotment you are interested in by name and 2) the specific

type(s) of grazing management actions you are interested in for each allotment. A map and list of grazing allotments within the Elko Field Office area of administration is available on request.

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## I. Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) in Progress

**Title:** Barrick Goldstrike Betze Project Supplemental EIS

**Location:** T. 36 N., R. 49 E., portions of sections 13, 14, 23, 24, 26;  
T. 36 N., R. 50 E., sections 7, 8, 17, 18.

**Description:** A Supplement to the original Betze EIS, completed in June 1991. The purpose of the Supplement is to update the portion of the EIS that addressed groundwater pumping and water management operations. The supplement will reassess the environmental impacts of groundwater pumping and water management operations and describe any changes in projected environmental impacts. It will also assess the cumulative impacts of pumping groundwater to lower elevations, for a longer duration, that would be associated with mining nearby deposits.

**Major Issues:** Surface and groundwater resources, including potential effects to the Humboldt River; livestock operations; threatened and endangered species; wetland and riparian vegetation; wildlife and fisheries resources.

**Analysis Status:** Federal Register Citation: Supplemental Notice of Intent, Volume 63, No. 14, page 3344, published January 22, 1998. Public meeting held February 5, 1998. A cumulative impact analysis is under review. FEIS anticipated in Spring, 2000.

**Contact:** Kirk Laird

**Title:** Newmont Leeville Project

**Location:** T. 35 N., R. 50 E., portions of sections 2, 3, 10, 11.

**Description:** The proposed Plan of Operations for the Leeville Project includes an underground mine, surface support facilities, access and haul roads, waste rock facility, stockpiles, power lines, dewatering wells, pipelines, and water treatment facilities. Proposed mining operations and dewatering would last for approximately 18 years, through the year 2018. Approximately 457 acres of public land and 39 acres of private land would be disturbed. These deposits range between 1,000 feet and 2,500 feet below the surface and would be accessed by the Leeville production shaft and up to four ventilation shafts. Dewatering would be required.

**Major Issues:** Surface and groundwater resources, including threatened and endangered species; wetland and riparian vegetation; wildlife and fisheries resources.

**Analysis Status:** The Notice of Intent was published in the Federal Register (Vol. 62, No. 148, page 41410) on August 1, 1997. A thirty day public scoping period closed on September 2, 1997. The DEIS is scheduled for Summer, 2000.

**Contact:** Deb McFarlane

**Title:** Newmont Gold South Operations Area Project Amendment

**Type of Action:** Plan of Operations

**Location:** Six miles northwest of Carlin

T. 33 N., R. 51 E., sections 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14.

T. 33 N., R. 52 E., sections 6, 7.

T. 34 N., R. 51 E., portions of sections 22, 26, 27, 28, 33, 34, 35, 36.

T. 34 N., R. 52 E., sections 29, 31, 32.

**Description:** Newmont Gold Company submitted a Plan of Operations to expand their South Operations Area Project. Newmont proposes to (1) continue dewatering operations at or near the current rates through the year 2013, (2) expand existing waste rock facilities, (3) enlarge the Non-Property Leach Pad and Refractory Leach Pad and construct the Property Leach Pad 2, and (4) perform a limited expansion of ancillary facilities such as haulage and access roads, lay down yards, water and solution pipelines, water quality monitoring wells, surface water diversion ditches, and power distribution systems.

**Major Issues:** (1) Impacts by dewatering operations to regional groundwater and surface water availability, (2) mine pit water quality after mining ceases in the project area, and (3) wildlife resources, including mule deer migration.

**Analysis Status:** Federal Register Citation: Notice of Intent, Volume 62, No. 117, page 33102-33103, published June 18, 1997. A cumulative impact analysis is in progress at this time. The DEIS is expected by the spring of 2000 and the FEIS is expected by the summer of 2000.

**Contact:** Roger Congdon

## **II. Land Use Plan Amendments in Progress**

None

## **III. Environmental Assessments (EAs) in Progress**

### **A. Minerals**

**Title:** Emigrant Plan of Operations

**Type of Action:** Plan of Operations

**Location:** T. 31 N., R. 53 E.

T. 32 N., R. 53 E.

**Description:** This project is an amendment to Newmont Gold Company's Rain Mine Plan of Operations. The proposal consists of developing a new open pit, expanding the Rain

Mine leach pad facility, constructing a new waste rock disposal facility, constructing the associated haul roads, and constructing a diversion ditch. Ore would be hauled to the existing Rain Mine Mill Facility #3 and existing leach pad for processing. The proposed project would disturb approximately 407 acres of public land and 11 acres of private land.

**Analysis Status:** Environmental Assessment in preparation. Projected completion date: January 2000.

**Contact:** Tom Schmidt

**Title:** Bruffey 1-4 Oil Well

**Type of Action:** Application for Permit to Drill

**Location:** T. 27 N., R. 52 E.

**Description:** This project is an application for a permit to drill an oil well on public lands. The proposal consists of constructing an access road and drill pad. The proposed project would disturb approximately 4.0 acres of public land.

**Analysis Status:** Environmental Assessment completion date was 6/24/99. Operations were to begin in the Summer of 1999, however, the proponent has postponed this to spring 2000..

**Contact:** Tom Schmidt.

**Title:** Pine Valley Federal Well 42-16

**Type of Action:** Application for Permit to Drill

**Location:** T. 29 N., R. 52 E.

**Description:** This project is an application for a permit to drill an oil well on public lands. The proposal consists of constructing an access road and drill pad. The proposed project would disturb approximately 4.8 acres of public land.

**Analysis Status:** Environmental Assessment completion date was 9/09/99. Operations were to begin in the Fall of 1999, however, the proponent has postponed this to spring 2000..

**Contact:** Tom Schmidt.

**Title:** Pine Valley Federal Well 13-10

**Type of Action:** Application for Permit to Drill

**Location:** T. 29 N., R. 52 E.

**Description:** This project is an application for a permit to drill an oil well on public lands. The proposal consists of constructing an access road and drill pad. The proposed project would disturb approximately 7.6 acres of public land.

**Analysis Status:** Environmental Assessment completion date was 11/01/99. Operations were to begin in the Fall of 1999, however, the proponent has postponed this to spring 2000..

**Contact:** Tom Schmidt.

**Title:** Tomera Ranch Seismic Line

**Type of Action:** Notice of Intent to Conduct Geophysical Operations

**Location:** T. 31 N., R. 52 E., T.30 N., R. 52 E.

**Description:** This project is an Notice of Intent to Conduct Geophysical Operations on public lands. The proposal consists of the collection of subsurface geologic data by recording the impulses from an artificially generated shock wave from a vibrator truck. The proposed project would disturb approximately 4.6 acres of public land.

**Analysis Status:** Environmental Assessment completion date was 12/02/99. Operations are to begin in January, 2000.

**Contact:** Tom Schmidt.

**Title:** Sadler Gravel Pit

**Type of Action:** New Material Site

**Location:** T. 27 N., R. 55 E.

**Description:** This project is to establish a gravel source for repair of Elko County Road C-719. The proposed project would be to excavate 50,000 cubic yards of gravel and disturb approximately 10 acres of public land.

**Analysis Status:** Environmental Assessment completion date was 04/14/99. Operations were to begin in the June of 1999; however, Elko County has postponed this project until spring of 2000.

**Contact:** Tom Schmidt.

**Title:** Pittston Nevada Gold Company, Ltd. Pequop Exploration Project

**Type of Action:** Plan of Operations

**Location:** Pequop Mountains

**Description:** The project is an on going exploration operation. Pittston proposes to construct roads and drill pads and drill in a phased exploration project. Phase 1 activities would disturb 15.32 acres. Subsequent work for phases 2 and 3 would depend on exploration results but a total of 95 acres disturbance is being evaluated.

**Analysis Status:** Environmental Assessment completion in Spring 2000.

**Contact:** Deb McFarlane

**Title:** Continental Lime Pilot Peak Plant

**Type of Action:** Plan of Operations

**Location:** Continental Lime Plant

**Description:** Continental Lime will submit a Plan of Operations for their operating limestone mine to cover work anticipated for the next twenty five years.

**Analysis Status:** The Plan of Operations is scheduled to be submitted in January 2000.

**Contact:** Deb McFarlane

**Title:** Midas Joint Venture Exploration Amendment

**Type of Action:** Plan of Operations

**Location:** T. 39N., R. 46 E.

**Description:** This amendment proposes to add almost 900 acres to the existing operating area of 5,000 acres while increasing the acreage of permitted surface disturbance for exploration roads and drill pads from 218 acres to 248 acres on both private and public lands.

**Analysis Status:** Environmental Assessment is under review. Project Completion Date: Jan 31, 2000.

**Contact:** Kirk Laird

## **B. Lands**

**Title:** Western Resource Management Land Exchange (Part III)

**Type of Action:** Land Exchange

**Location:** Various locations throughout Elko District

**Description:** This is an assembled land exchange where lands are exchanged from a pool of private and selected lands. A ledger balance log is maintained to ensure equal value. Parts I and II have been completed.

**Analysis Status:** EA being prepared by third party for Part III.

**Contact:** Carolyn Spoon

**Title:** Maggie Creek Land Exchange

**Type of Action:** Land Exchange

**Location:** Generally between Maggie Creek and Susie Creek, north of Carlin

**Description:** Land exchange between Maggie Creek Ranch and the Bureau of Land Management.

**Analysis Status:** The Feasibility Report and Non-Binding Exchange Agreement have been transmitted to the Washington Headquarters Office for review and concurrence.

**Contact:** Jean Toth

**Title:** Ellison Land Exchange

**Type of Action:** Land Exchange

**Location:** Generally north of the Tuscarora-Midas Road

**Description:** Land exchange between the grazing permittee, Barrick Goldstrike, and the Bureau of Land Management.

**Analysis Status:** A Non-Binding Exchange Agreement has been completed. A Notice of Exchange Proposal was published in the Federal Register on April 11, 1997. The environmental assessment will be initiated pending resolution of several issues.

**Contact:** Jean Toth

**Title:** Newmont Gold Company Exchange

**Type of Action:** Land Exchange

**Location:** Carlin Trend, various locations in Elko and Eureka Counties.

**Description:** Land exchange involving private offered lands and public selected lands in the Carlin Trend area.

**Analysis Status:** NEPA analysis is in progress, and expected to be completed during FY2000.

**Contact:** Robert Marchio

**Title:** Wright Family Land Exchange

**Type of Action:** Land Exchange

**Location:** Marys River Area in Elko County.

**Description:** This action is a proposal to exchange interests in land in the Marys River area.

**Analysis Status:** The exchange process is expected to be initiated in the spring of 2000.

**Contact:** Robert Marchio

**Title:** Wells Rural Electric

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** Wendover, Nevada

**Description:** Additional power lines and a switch station.

**Analysis Status:** The environmental assessment is in progress at this time.

**Contact:** Susan Elliott

**Title:** City of Elko

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** Elko, Nevada

**Description:** Upgrading water pipeline.

**Analysis Status:** EA in progress.

**Contact:** Susan Elliott

**Title:** Citizens Communications

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** Elko, Nevada

**Description:** Extension of buried telephone line near the National Weather Service office.

**Analysis Status:** EA in progress.

**Contact:** Susan Elliott

**Title:** Elko County  
**Type of Action:** Right-of-way  
**Location:** Elko, Nevada  
**Description:** Authorization of existing access road.  
**Analysis Status:** EA in progress.  
**Contact:** Susan Elliott

**Title:** Carlin Powerline  
**Type of Action:** Right-of-way  
**Location:** Emigrant Summit  
**Description:** Authorize existing powerline.  
**Analysis Status:** Pending.  
**Contact:** Carolyn Spoon

**Title:** Lynn Access Road  
**Type of Action:** Right-of-way  
**Location:** Crescent Valley, approximately five miles south of Beowawe.  
**Description:** Access Road Right-of-way serving private parcel of a proponent.  
**Analysis Status:** Pending NEPA analysis. Working in conjunction with other Crescent Valley roads.  
**Contact:** Carolyn Spoon

**Title:** Worline Access Road  
**Type of Action:** Right-of-way  
**Location:** South of Jiggs  
**Description:** Access road to private lands.  
**Analysis Status:** EA in progress; survey issues.  
**Contact:** Carolyn Spoon

**Title:** Wilson Reservoir Telephone Cables  
**Type of Action:** Right-of-way  
**Location:** Wilson Reservoir Area  
**Description:** Authorize existing telephone cables.  
**Analysis Status:** EA pending.  
**Contact:** Carolyn Spoon

**Title:** Landfill By-Pass Road  
**Type of Action:** Right-of-way  
**Location:** East of City landfill

**Description:** Authorize a short segment of access road around east end of landfill and leachate pond.

**Analysis Status:** Baseline data sheet completed. Subject lands are under Recreation and Public Purpose application to City of Elko for landfill expansion.

**Contact:** Carolyn Spoon

**Title:** Fedor Access Road

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** Wells area (T. 37 N., R. 61 E., section 12)

**Description:** Access road to private property acquired through land exchange.

**Status:** Beginning stages. Awaiting outcome of cultural mitigation through land exchange.

**Contact:** Carolyn Spoon

**Title:** Smith Access Road

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** T. 31 N., R. 49 E., sections 26 and 34 (Crescent Valley)

**Description:** Access road to private property.

**Status:** Beginning stages. Working in conjunction with other Crescent Valley roads.

**Contact:** Carolyn Spoon

**Title:** Tuscarora Buried Telephone Cable

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** West of Tuscarora

**Description:** Authorize existing buried telephone cables

**Analysis Status:** EA pending.

**Contact:** Carolyn Spoon

**Title:** Beehive Telephone Line

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** South side of I-80 between Wells and Elko

**Description:** Beehive Telephone Company has applied for a right-of-way amendment to an existing authorization to extend a fiber optic telephone cable from Wells to Elko.

**Analysis Status:** Unauthorized activity has been resolved and NEPA process has been initiated.

**Contact:** Carolyn Spoon

**Title:** Legarza Road Amendment

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** Spring Creek area



**Description:** Access road and water diversion

**Analysis Status:** Preliminary stages

**Contact:** Jean Toth

**Title:** Province Hospital Access Road

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** Off Lamoille Highway at Powder House Road

**Description:** Access road loop to connect Errecart Boulevard to Lamoille Highway

**Analysis Status:** EA drafted, awaiting NDOT revocable permit

**Contact:** Jean Toth

**Title:** Chevas Peak Communication Site Amendment

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** Chevas Peak

**Description:** Right-of-way amendment to authorize additional equipment and bury powerline

**Analysis Status:** Preliminary stages

**Contact:** Jean Toth

**Title:** McCoy Regen Site Amendment

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** McCoy (Winnemucca Field Office)

**Description:** Right-of-way amendment to expand AT&T regeneration site at McCoy

**Analysis Status:** Issues being resolved

**Contact:** Jean Toth

**Title:** Emigrant Pass Communication Site

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** Emigrant Pass/Bob's Flat

**Description:** Communication site and access road

**Analysis Status:** Preliminary stages

**Contact:** Jean Toth

**Title:** Coal Mine Canyon Road Amendment

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** Ryndon

**Description:** Realignment of Coal Mine Canyon Road and associated cross streets

**Analysis Status:** Preliminary stages

**Contact:** Jean Toth

**Title:** Midas JV Pipeline Project

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** Midas

**Description:** Telephone line, access road, pipeline, well, & ancillary facilities

**Analysis Status:** EA near completion

**Contact:** Jean Toth

**Title:** Falcon-Gondor Transmission Line

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** Multi district

**Description:** 345kV transmission line through Battle Mountain, Ely, & Elko Districts

**Analysis Status:** Preliminary stages

**Contact:** Jean Toth

**Title:** GCC Wind Generator

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** L & D Mountain, north of Wells

**Description:** GCC, Incorporated proposes to install a wind-driven electric generator turbine on a forty-foot tower at their existing cell phone communication site on L & D Mountain.

**Analysis Status:** Processing suspended at request of the proponent. Proposal may be withdrawn in favor of power line, which is pending due to cultural resource issues (refer to L&D Mountain Power Line).

**Contact:** Robert Marchio

**Title:** Beehive Telephone Line

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** South side of I-80 between Wells and Elko

**Description:** Beehive Telephone Company has applied for a right-of-way amendment to an existing authorization to extend a fiber optic telephone cable from Wells to Elko.

**Analysis Status:** NEPA analysis previously suspended due to alleged unauthorized use and related resource damage issues. A completion date of the spring of 2000 for the action is predicated upon resource damage restoration activities now being completed by the proponent.

**Contact:** Robert Marchio

**Title:** L & D Mountain Power Line

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** L & D Mountain, Contact area of Elko County.

**Description:** Power line Right-of-way serving L & D Communication Site.

**Analysis Status:** NEPA analysis has not yet been initiated due to the cultural resource issues remaining unresolved..

**Contact:** Robert Marchio

**Title:** Susie Creek Desert Land Entries

**Type of Action:** Desert Land Entry

**Location:** Susie Creek Hydro Basin

**Description:** Evaluate 9 DLE applications, reduce to 2 allowances per state water engineer.

**Analysis Status:** EA will be initiated after evaluation of resource issues.

**Contact:** Jean Toth

**Title:** Elko County School and Bus Facility

**Type of Action:** Recreation & Public Purposes

**Location:** Kittridge Canyon

**Description:** New high school and bus barn facility

**Analysis Status:** NEPA analysis in beginning stages. Mineral and Cultural reports being prepared.

**Contact:** Carolyn Spoon

**Title:** Midas Joint Venture Sale

**Type of Action:** Mineral estate sale

**Location:** Midas Area in Elko County.

**Description:** Sale of mineral estate (of no known mineral value) of private surface estate lands.

**Analysis Status:** NEPA analysis is expected to be initiated in the spring of 2000, following mineral potential report findings.

**Contact:** Robert Marchio

## **C. Recreation/Wilderness**

**Title:** Carlin to Golconda Back Country Byway

**Type of Action:** Byway Nomination

**Location:** Carlin - Tuscarora - Midas - Golconda; following county roads and state highways

**Description:** Complete Byway nomination for proposed scenic drive; and associated

environmental assessment.

**Analysis Status:** Byway nomination slated for completion by May 30, 2000. EA should be completed by September 30, 2000.

**Contact:** Katrina Whiteaker

**Title:** Bruneau River Loop Back Country Byway

**Type of Action:** Byway Nomination

**Location:** Wildhorse - Charleston - Jarbidge - Rowland; following county roads

**Description:** Complete Byway nomination for proposed scenic loop drive; and associated environmental assessment.

**Analysis Status:** Byway nomination slated for completion by May 30, 2000. EA should be completed by September 30, 2000.

**Contact:** Evelyn Treiman

**Title:** Abandoned Canoe Removal

**Type of Action:** Wilderness Study Area (WSA) Rehabilitation

**Location:** South Fork Owyhee River Wilderness Study Area; T. 47 N., R. 47 E., section 15.

**Description:** A badly damaged, abandoned canoe would be removed from the banks of the South Fork Owyhee River within the WSA.

**Analysis Status:** Project in initial planning stages. Internal scoping and IMP notification to be initiated in January 2000. EA preparation would follow.

**Contact:** Evelyn Treiman

## **D. Fire**

**Title:** Beaver Creek Prescribed Burn

**Type of Action:** Prescribed Fire

**Location:** Beaver Creek Allotment

**Description:** Apply prescribed fire to attract livestock away from riparian areas and to improve habitat diversity for wildlife.

**Analysis Status:** EA out for comment. Tentative completion date is January 2000. Burn plan and implementation is for the fall of 2000.

**Contact:** Carol Evans, Robert Means.

**Title:** Vegetation Treatment by Fire

**Type of Action:** Prescribed Fire

**Location:** District wide

**Description:** Analysis of prescribed fire and its effects on the vegetation types found in the Elko District.

**Analysis Status:** Pending. The tentative completion date is January 2000.

**Contact:** Robert Means

**Title:** Christmas Tree Canyon Prescribed Fire

**Type of Action:** Prescribed Fire

**Location:** Goshute Peak WSA

**Description:** Apply prescribed fire to reduce hazardous fuels accumulation and to re-introduce fire to its role in the ecosystem.

**Analysis Status:** Proposal out for 30 day review as per Interim WSA guidelines. Environmental Analysis is pending with the tentative completion date of May 2000. The tentative implementation date is June/July of 2000.

**Contact:** Evelyn Treiman, Robert Means

**Title:** Tuscarora Greenstrip

**Type of Action:** Mechanical Vegetation Treatment

**Location:** In the vicinity of the town of Tuscarora

**Description:** Create a "greenstrip" (vegetative fuel break) of fire resistant vegetation around the historic mining community of Tuscarora to protect the town from wildfire.

**Analysis Status:** Preliminary field work being done. Tentative EA completion date is September of 2000 with implementation starting in 2001.

**Contact:** Robert Means

**Title:** Felt Canyon Prescribed Fire

**Type of Action:** Prescribed Fire

**Location:** Goshute Peak WSA

**Description:** Apply prescribed fire to reduce hazardous fuels accumulation and to re-introduce fire to its role in the ecosystem.

**Analysis Status:** Preliminary with cultural inventory scheduled for 2000. The tentative EA completion date is October of 2000, with implementation in 2001.

**Contact:** Evelyn Treiman, Robert Means

**Title:** Cherry Creek Mountains Fire Management Plan

**Type of Action:** Prescribed Fire, Mechanical Thinning and Natural Ignition.

**Description:** Develop integrated fire and fuels management plan to improve forest health and maintain remnant mixed conifer stands.

**Analysis Status:** Preliminary field work will be done in 2000 to gather ecological and cultural data. Planning process will start in 2001. Tentative completion date is 2001.

**Contact:** Robert Means.

**Title:** Goshute Peak WSA Prescribed Burn

**Type of Action:** Prescribed Fire

**Location:** Goshute Peak WSA; T. 29 N., R. 68 E., sections 1, 2; T. 30 N., R. 68 E., sections 35, 36.

**Description:** Approximately 200 acres in Christmas Tree Canyon would be burned. Project would reduce fuels to protect the Goshute Raptor Project site as well as to reintroduce fire into the ecosystem. Project would include burning jackpots of accumulated fuels, underburning in a patchy mosaic to reduce fuel loading and to remove standing dead white fires, and would open up mineral soil for new conifer seedling establishment.

**Analysis Status:** Internal scoping completed. IMP proposed action notification comment period closed 12/15/99. EA to be prepared in 1/2000.

**Contact:** Bob Means, Evelyn Treiman

**Title:** Larkspur Seeding Maintenance

**Type of Action:** Brush beating/prescribed fire

**Location:** T. 45 N., R. 61 E., section 1, 12, 13.

T. 45 N., R. 62 E., section 5, 6, 7, 8, 17, 18.

T. 46 N., R. 62 E., section 31.

**Description:** Brush beat or prescribe burn sagebrush in the Larkspur Seeding within the East Buckhorn Allotment. The seeding maintenance was outlined in the Buckhorn FMUD and the East Buckhorn AMP approved October 6, 1995.

**Analysis Status:** Initial project identification and layout

**Contact:** Bruce Thompson

## **E. Range/Wildlife/Riparian Habitat Improvements**

**Allotment:** 25

**Title:** Rooster Comb Let Down Fence

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (fence)

**Location:** T. 36 N., R. 45 E., Section 32.

**Description:** Rooster Comb Let Down Fence - Approximately ½ mile of 3-strand let-down fence to keep livestock from drifting over to the Izzenhood pasture. This would be in accordance with the approved 25 Allotment Management Plan.

**Site Analysis completed:** Project is in preliminary stages of survey and design.

**Contact:** Denise Adkins

**Allotment:** 25

**Title:** Boulder Well Pipeline

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (pipeline with several troughs)

**Location:** T. 36 N., R. 48 E., Section 14, 15, 19, 20, 21.

**Description:** A pipeline will be built starting at the Boulder Well and extending into the Six Mile Pasture from the Boulder Field. This will help distribute livestock and water wildlife in accordance with the approved AMPO. A third party easement is required, as

the pipeline crosses private property not owned by the permittee.

**Analysis Status:** Initial stages of survey and design.

**Contact:** Denise Adkins

**Allotment:** El Jiggs (Dixie Creek)

**Title:** Upper Snow Mountain Riparian Exclosures

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (exclosure fences)

**Location:** El Jiggs Allotment

**Description:** Up to five exclosures encompassing approximately 50 acres total will be constructed around high priority springs or aspen stands in the El Jiggs Allotment. The projects are part of the El Jiggs Multiple Use Decision and will protect key riparian habitats in the Upper Snow Mountain pasture.

**Analysis Status:** Preliminary site inspections completed. Projects need to be flagged.

**Contact:** Carol Evans

**Allotment:** Beaver Creek and Double Mountain

**Title:** Beaver Creek/Double Mountain Allotment

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (spring water development, including pipelines, troughs)

**Locations:** T. 41 N., R. 56 E., Section 20, 21, 29 (Skull Springs-Beaver Creek Allotment).

T. 41 N., R. 56 E., Section 19 (Joe's Spring-Beaver Creek Allotment).

T. 41 N., R. 57 E., Section 8 (Barrel Reservoir, Rock Spring Reservoir, & Out Crop Spring-Beaver Creek Allotment).

T. 40 N., R. 56 E., Section 28 (Green Spring-Double Mountain Allotment).

**Description:** Four spring developments and two reservoirs will be completed in support of the Beaver Creek/Double Mountain Multiple Use Decision. The projects will improve distribution of cattle and facilitate implementation of a grazing system designed to improve stream and riparian habitat conditions within the allotment.

**Analysis Status:** Project siting and cultural resource inventories completed. Project file including NEPA and water rights issues pending.

**Contact:** Denise Adkins and Carol Evans

**Allotment:** Big Bend

**Title:** Trout Creek Riparian Pasture Fence #2

**Type of Action:** Range Improvements (fences)

**Location:** T. 47 N., R. 69 E.

**Description:** The construction of this fence would create a riparian pasture containing both Trout Creek and Jay Creek. The fence would be approximately 11 miles long. A second fence would bisect the newly created riparian pasture into two management units. One water gap would be constructed on private ground in the southern portion of the riparian

pasture. This fence would allow for the implementation of management actions outlined in the 1998 Big Bend AMP Revision. These management actions will ensure that significant progress is made toward the attainment of resource objectives and the standards for rangeland health.

**Status:** EA in progress.

**Contact:** Doug Furtado

**Title:** Warm Springs Pipeline Extension

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (pipeline)

**Location:** Cottonwood Allotment: T. 45 N., R. 61 E., sections 4, 5.

**Description:** The pipeline extension would improve livestock distribution within the Warm Springs pasture and consists of one mile of pipeline and one or two new trough locations. Water is provided by an existing well and pipeline.

**Analysis Status:** Initial engineering feasibility in progress. EA to be initiated.

**Contact:** Eric Haakenson

**Title:** HV Stock Ponds

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (water developments)

**Location:** Hubbard Vineyard Allotment:

**Description:** Stock ponds to improve livestock distribution throughout the allotment.

**Analysis Status:** Beginning stages. Expected to be completed in 2002.

**Contact:** Eric Haakenson

**Title:** Trout Creek Riparian Fence

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (fence)

**Location:** Salmon River Allotment

**Description:** To improve Trout Creek

**Analysis Status:** Construction of the fence is expected to be completed in 2000.

**Contact:** Eric Haakenson

**Title:** Cow Creek Pipeline Extension

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (pipeline)

**Location:** Salmon River Allotment

**Description:** Extend the existing Cow Creek Pipeline

**Analysis Status:** Construction of the pipeline extension is expected to be completed in 2000.

**Contact:** Eric Haakenson

**Title:** Boston Spring Pipeline Extension

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (water development)

**Location:** Salmon River Allotment



**Description:** Develop two springs (Boston Spring and a unnamed spring).

**Analysis Status:** NEPA is ongoing. Expected to be constructed in 2000.

**Contact:** Eric Haakenson

**Title:** Shoshone Creek Riparian Fence

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (fence)

**Location:** Salmon River Allotment: T. 47 N., R. 66 E., Section 6, 7.

**Description:** Construct approximately 3 miles of fence to create a riparian pasture along Shoshone Creek that exists in the Salmon River Allotment

**Analysis Status:** Survey and design and NEPA ongoing. Expected to be constructed 2003.

**Contact:** Eric Haakenson

**Title:** Willow Creek Fence

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (fence)

**Location:** Salmon River Allotment: T. 46 N., R. 65 E.; T. 46 N., R. 66 E.

**Description:** Construct approximately 3 miles of fence to create a riparian pasture. This riparian pasture would contain Willow Creek, Cow Creek and Cedar Creek. This would ensure meeting the riparian objectives on the above mentioned creeks.

**Analysis Status:** Survey and design and NEPA ongoing. Expected to be constructed 2003.

**Contact:** Eric Haakenson

**Title:** North Gollaher Division Fence

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (fence)

**Location:** Salmon River Allotment: T. 47 N., R. 66 E.

**Description:** Construct approximately 3 miles of fence to divide the North Gollaher Unit to be able to defer grazing within this unit. This would allow for the grazing management on Indian Mike Creek to occur two years out of three no hot season grazing.

**Analysis Status:** Survey and design and NEPA ongoing. Expected to be constructed 2003.

**Contact:** Eric Haakenson

**Title:** Hubbard Vineyard Electric Fences

**Type of Action:** Riparian & Range Improvements (fences)

**Location:** Hubbard Vineyard Allotment

**Description:** Construct approximately 3 miles of fence to divide the North Gollaher Unit to be able to defer grazing within this unit. This would allow for the grazing management on Indian Mike Creek to occur two years out of three no hot season grazing.

**Analysis Status:** Survey and design and NEPA ongoing. Expected to be constructed 2003.

**Contact:** Eric Haakenson

**Allotment:** YP

**Title:** YP Riparian Pasture Fence

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (riparian fence)

**Location:** T. 45 N., R. 49 E., section 5, 6, 8, 9, 10.

T. 45 N., R. 48 E., section 1.

T. 46 N., R. 48 E., sections 35, 36.

**Description:** Create a small riparian pasture along the South Fork Owyhee River by constructing approximately 5.2 miles of riparian fence on public land (of which approximately 1 mile is within the Owyhee Canyon Wilderness Study Area). Construction of this project would allow for improvement of riparian conditions along the South Fork Owyhee River resulting in significant progress toward fulfillment of the Riparian/Wetland and Habitat Standards for Rangeland Health and attainment of the riparian multiple use objectives for the South fork Owyhee River.

**Analysis Status:** Survey and design and NEPA compliance is expected to be completed in Fiscal Year 2000.

**Contact:** Mike Jensen

**Title:** Willow Tree Spring Exclosure and Development

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (spring development)

**Location:** Deeth Allotment (T. 38 N., R. 59 E., Section 5)

**Description:** This project would consist of constructing an exclosure (approximately 1 mile of fence) and developing a spring. The spring development would include a pipeline and troughs to supply water to the middle section of the Steer Field in the Deeth Allotment. Developing this spring would not only protect the existing riparian area, but would also provide an additional water to improve livestock distribution in this field.

**Analysis Status:** This project is in the early discussion phase to determine feasibility, actual location of the projects on the ground, and water rights issues.

**Contact:** Leticia Lister

**Title:** North Fork Humboldt River Projects

**Type of Action:** Range Improvements (fencing, water developments)

**Location:** Devils Gate Allotment: T. 39 N., R. 57 E.; T. 39 N., R. 58 E.; T. 40 N., R. 57 E.; T. 40 N., R. 58 E.

**Description:** This project would consist of constructing 10 to 15 miles of fence on the North Fork of the Humboldt River. This would create a riparian pasture in which livestock grazing would be authorized in a manner that would allow for attainment of multiple use objectives of the Devils Gate Allotment. Water developments, in the form of spring developments, pipelines, and/or reservoirs would also be developed to allow for alternate water sources on the uplands.

Construction of this project would allow for the restoration of approximately 13.5 miles of the North Fork of the Humboldt, 1 mile of the West Fork of Beaver Creek, and 1.5 miles of Cottonwood Creek within the riparian pasture.

**Analysis Status:** This project is in the early discussion phase to determine feasibility, actual location of the projects on the ground, and water rights issues.

**Contact:** Leticia Lister

**Title:** Antelope-Stud Drift Fence (originally called

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (fence)

**Location:** Antelope Basin and Deeth Allotments: T. 41 N., R. 59 E.; T. 42 N., R. 58 E.; T. 42 N., R. 59 E.

**Description:** This project would consist of constructing approximately 3.5 miles of fence between the Antelope Basin Allotment and South Stud Creek Field of the Deeth Allotment. Construction of this fence would eliminate the livestock drift the currently exists between the two allotments and will aid in addressing potential future management modifications. For the past several years, a rotation system has been implemented between the North and South Stud Creek Fields of the Deeth Allotment to address the riparian issues on a portion of the Bruneau River and Stud Creek. However, with the drift problem continuing, the South Stud Creek Field has continued to receive some use throughout the season. The Antelope Basin Allotment consists of one pasture. This allotment has no grazing system and the permittee has voluntarily reduced use to improve overall conditions, but concerns of livestock drift continue to be an issue.

**Analysis Status:** Survey and design is expected to be completed in Fiscal Year 2000.

**Contact:** Leticia Lister

**Title:** Spruce, Valley Mountain Seedings/Fencing/Water

**Type of Action:** Range Improvements (seeding, fence, water developments)

**Location:** Spruce Allotment: T. 30 N. through T. 32 N.; R. 62 E. through R. 64 E.; Valley Mountain Allotment: T. 29 N. through T. 31 N.; R. 60 E. through R. 64 E.

**Description:** This project would consist of developing approximately 3,600 acres of seeding and associated fencing and water developments on the Spruce Allotment. There are approximately 4 miles of proposed fencing along with constructing possibly 3 pipelines on existing wells. This project would consist of also developing approximately 4,200 acres of seeding and associated fencing and water developments on the Valley Mountain Allotment. There are approximately 4 miles of proposed fencing and along with construction of possibly 3 pipelines and at least one well. The proposed projects for the Spruce and Valley Mountain Allotments were identified in the Final Multiple Use Decision for the Spruce Allotment, dated January 30, 1998. Completion of these projects would eliminate spring use on whitesage flats during the critical time of the growing season.

**Analysis Status:** Survey and design and NEPA compliance is expected to be completed in Fiscal Year 2000.

**Contact:** Leticia Lister

**Title:** Programmatic EA for Range & Wildlife

**Type of Action:** Range & Wildlife Habitat Improvements

**Location:** Elko District

**Description:** To assess the impacts associated with range and wildlife improvement projects included in the management decisions to implement the Elko and Wells Resource Management Plans. The scope of this document is somewhat broad in nature so that it may be related to the majority of range, wildlife, and soil/watershed actions prescribed in the Elko and Wells Resource Areas excluding prescribed burning, mechanical treatments, and chemical treatments which would be analyzed in separate site-specific analyses. If conflicts between resources are identified, the need for another site specific assessment would be determined.

**Analysis Status:** EA expected in June, 2000.

**Contact:** Ray Lister

**Allotment:** Antelope Valley HMA/Spruce Allotment

**Title:** Deer Spring Exclosure and Development

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (spring development)

**Location:** T. 29 N., R. 65 E., section 25.

**Description:** This project would consist of constructing an small exclosure around an existing spring development and installing a pipeline to take the water approximately 450 feet to a trough. The spring source would be protected while providing reliable water for wild horses, wildlife and livestock. This proposed project was outlined in the Spruce/Valley Mountain FMUD dated January 30, 1998 as well as the Wells Resource Management Plan Wild Horse Amendment dated August 1992.

**Analysis Status:** Baseline data has been collected. EA in progress.

**Contact:** Kathy McKinstry

**Allotment:** El Jiggs (Dixie Creek) Allotment

**Title:** Crane Springs Pipeline Reconstruction/Extension

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (pipeline)

**Location:** T. 31 N., R. 54 E., section 14, 23, 26, 35; T. 30 N., R. 54 E., section 2.

**Description:** The proposed action would be to reconstruct and extend the Crane Springs Pipeline that originated on private land at Crane Springs in T. 30 N., R. 54 E., section 15, NE¼. The private land owner will reconstruct the portion that is on private land (approximately 1.5 miles), and the BLM will reconstruct the portion that is on public land (possibly with a contractor) and extend the pipeline for an overall distance of approx. 4.5 miles on public land. The public land portion of the project starts on the public/private land ownership boundary line between section 11 and section 2, T. 30 N., R. 54 E. Surface disturbance as a result of construction will depend upon the method of installing

the pipeline. If ripping or trenching is used, the width of disturbance would be from 30 to 40 ft. overall and if a backhoe is used, the width of disturbance would be from 40-50 ft. In both cases the depth of disturbance would be from 2-4 ft. Black polyethylene pipe would be used and 400/500 gallon troughs would be placed approximately every mile along the pipeline route for a total of 5 or 6 troughs. This project was identified in the Multiple Use Decision for the El Jiggs Allotment as a tool to improve the distribution of livestock.

**Analysis Status:** Project layout/Survey and design and archaeological inventory completed. NEPA analysis to be completed in 2000.

**Contact:** Chuck Petersen

**Allotment:** Four Mile Canyon and Ten Mile Creek

**Title:** Four Mile Fence Relocation

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (fence)

**Location:** T. 33 N., R. 55 E., section 10.

**Description:** The proposed action for the Four Mile Fence Relocation is to move a section of the Four Mile Fence that was placed on private lands (Western Hills Subdivision and other deeded) in the S1/2S1/2 of sections 10 and 11, T. 33 N., R. 55 E. to the section line between sections 10 & 15 and 11 & 14. The relocated fence will be a four wire, allotment boundary type with a wire spacing of 16", 6", 8", 12" with the bottom wire smooth and green post spacing of 16 feet.

**Analysis Status:** Survey & Design and cultural inventory completed. Construction to be completed in 2000.

**Contact:** Chuck Petersen

**Allotment:** Browne Allotment

**Title:** Browne Pipeline

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (pipeline)

**Location:** T. 26 N., R. 55 E., section 6, 7; T. 27 N., R. 55 E., section 30, 31.

**Description:** The proposed action would be to construct a pipeline that would originate on public land at the Browne Well in T. 26 N., R. 55 E., section 7, S½S½. Surface disturbance as a result of construction will depend upon the method of installing the pipeline. If ripping or trenching is used, the width of disturbance would be from 30 to 40 ft. overall and if a backhoe is used, the width of disturbance would be from 40-50 ft. In both cases the depth of disturbance would be from 2-4 ft. Black polyethylene pipe would be used and 400/500 gallon troughs would be placed approximately every mile along the pipeline route for a total of 2 or 3 troughs. This project was identified as a recommendation in the Diamond Complex Evaluation as a tool to be used for the improvement of distribution of livestock.

**Analysis Status:** Initial project identification. NEPA to be completed in 2000.

**Contact:** Chuck Petersen

**Allotment:** El Jiggs (Dixie Creek) Allotment/Crane Springs Canyon Allotment

**Title:** Crane Springs Cattleguard #3

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (cattleguard)

**Location:** T. 30 N., R. 54 E., section 11, SW¼.

**Description:** Replace the existing gate with cattleguard to control movement of livestock between the Scott (native) Pasture of the El Jiggs (Dixie Creek) Allotment and the Crane Springs Canyon Allotment.

**Analysis Status:** Initial project layout, survey and design, and archaeological inventory completed. Job completion planned for 2000.

**Contact:** Chuck Petersen

**Allotment:** Red Rock and Robinson Creek Allotments

**Title:** NDHN Cattleguards 1 and 2

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (cattleguards)

**Location:** T. 28 N., R. 54 E., section 4, 16.

**Description:** Replace existing gates with cattleguards to control movement of livestock between the Native Field of the Red Rock Allotment, the Robinson Field of the Robinson Creek Allotment, and the West Field of the Robinson Mountain Allotment.

**Analysis Status:** Initial project identification.

**Contact:** Chuck Petersen

**Allotment:** El Jiggs (Dixie Creek) Allotment

**Title:** Scott Flat Well Pipeline

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (pipeline)

**Location:** T. 31 N., R. 54 E., section 1, 12.

**Description:** The proposed action would be to construct a pipeline that would originate on public land at the Scott Flat Well in T. 31 N., R. 54 E., section 12, SW¼. Surface disturbance as a result of construction will depend upon the method of installing the pipeline. If ripping or trenching is used, the width of disturbance would be from 30 to 40 ft. overall and if a backhoe is used, the width of disturbance would be from 70-80 ft. In both cases, the depth of disturbance would be from 2-4 ft. Black polyethylene pipe would be used and 400/500 gallon troughs would be placed approximately every mile along the pipeline route for a total of 1 or 2 troughs. 1-2 miles of pipeline. This project was identified in the Multiple Use Decision for the El Jiggs Allotment as a tool to improve the distribution of livestock.

**Analysis Status:** Initial project identification. NEPA to be completed in 2000

**Contact:** Chuck Petersen

**Allotment:** Mitchell Creek

**Title:** Belmont /Mitchell Cr. Fence

**Type of Action:** Range Improvements (fence)

**Location:** T. 27 N., R. 56 E., section 17, 20, 21, 27, 28, 34.

**Description:** Construct approximately 2 miles of fence to divide the Belmont Field of the Mitchell Creek Allotment to create a deferred livestock grazing rotation and facilitate the improvement of riparian resources on Mitchell Creek.

**Analysis Status:** Initial project identification. NEPA to be completed in 2000

**Contact:** Chuck Petersen

**Allotment:** Grindstone, River, Cut-off and Ten Mile

**Title:** South Fork Recreation Plan Fences

**Type of Action:** Range Improvements (fences)

**Location:** T. 32 N., R. 55 E., section 2-9, 17-20.

T. 32 N., R. 54 E., section 1, 12.

**Description:** Construct fences to control livestock grazing in the Ten Mile Creek and South Fork of the Humboldt River riparian areas. The fences are proposed in the South Fork Humboldt River Management Plan EA. The fences proposed are designed to eliminate hot season grazing by livestock on the South Fork of the Humboldt River and Ten Mile Creek.

**Analysis Status:** Initial project identification and layout.

**Contact:** Chuck Petersen, Tom Warren

**Allotment:** JP

**Title:** JP Ranch Water Trough

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (water development)

**Location:** 7 miles east of Montello, Nevada, on the JP Allotment at T. 39 N., R. 70 E., Sec. 8 E½SE¼.

**Description:** A stockwater trough would be installed on the fenceline of the Tecoma Pasture Fence within ½ mile of the livestock permittee's ranch headquarters property. The trough would be installed in the fenceline in order to provide stockwater to cattle grazing either side of the Tecoma Pasture Fence. The permittee has the water rights and would be funding the entire cost of this water project; therefore the Bureau would not be requesting a portion of the permittee's water right. The permittee would submit the appropriate application(s) to the State of Nevada as needed to comply with Nevada's water laws. This trough would provide a stockwater location near the ranch headquarters for cattle grazing in either the Tecoma or Stockberger Pastures. In the past, cattle have had access to a water location on the west side of the ranch property; however, upon construction of the previously approved Tecoma and Six Shooter Pasture Fences which will create three new pastures, cattle will have access to the water on ranch property from only one of the three pastures (Six Shooter Pasture). Installation of the water trough on the Tecoma Pasture fenceline, as described above, will serve as a substitute for stockwater near the ranch headquarters for those cattle grazing the Tecoma and Stockberger Pastures.

**Analysis Status:** The review for NEPA compliance and completion of NEPA documentation expected to be completed by the summer of 2000.

**Contact:** Karl Scheetz

**Allotment:** HD

**Title:** Toano Draw Seeding Division Fence

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (fence)

**Location:** 40 miles northeast of Wells, Nevada, on the HD Allotment at T.39 & 40 N., R. 65 & 66 E.

**Description:** A fence would be constructed within the Toano Draw Pasture that would divide the existing crested wheatgrass seeded area into north and south use areas. This fence is needed to facilitate cattle use in the southern/higher portion of the seeded area. The Toano Draw Pasture is now commonly grazed in the fall/winter and early spring. During cold weather, the cattle prefer to graze the lower elevation areas to the north and east and therefore make little use of the southern portion of the seeded area. Both north and south use areas have existing water wells. The proposed fence location would cross public lands and private lands belonging to the permittee's ranch operation. The fence would be three and/or four wire fences. The bottom wire would be smooth wire and the upper wires would be barbed.

**Analysis Status:** The review for NEPA compliance and completion of NEPA documentation expected to be completed by the fall of 2000.

**Contact:** Karl Scheetz

**Allotment:** HD

**Title:** Wilkins Seeding Pipeline Extensions (2)

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (water development)

**Location:** T. 42 N., R. 65 E., section 10, 20.

**Description:** These proposed projects would pipe water from two existing wells in the Wilkins Seeding to two adjoining pastures (Primrose and Burnt Creek pastures). These additional waters would expand the distribution of livestock grazing and allow for some deferment and rotation within the Primrose and Burnt Creek pastures.

**Analysis Status:** NEPA analysis expected to be completed in FY2000.

**Contact:** Karl Scheetz

**Allotment:** Elko Hills Allotment

**Title:** Sustacha Cattleguard

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (cattleguard)

**Location:** T. 34 N., R. 57 E. section 18.

**Description:** The project would consist of installing a cattleguard on the road that crosses the existing allotment boundary fence in order to alleviate some of the problems associated with gates being left open. N-1 Board would supply funding for the materials and the



permittee would supply the required time and labor to install the cattleguard.

**Analysis Status:** Project file complete. Working with the Federal Aviation Administration to develop cooperative agreement. NEPA analysis expected to be completed in FY2000.

**Contact:** Cedric Selby

**Allotment:** East Buckhorn

**Title:** Mud Springs/Bear Mt. Fence

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (fence)

**Location:** T. 46 N., R. 62 E., Sections 21, 22, 23.

**Description:** Construction of approximately 3 1/2 miles of fence in the East Buckhorn Allotment. The proposed project was outlined in the Buckhorn FMUD and the East Buckhorn AMP approved October 6, 1995.

**Analysis Status:** Initial project identification and layout.

**Contact:** Bruce Thompson

**Allotment:** West Buckhorn

**Title:** Buckhorn Pipeline

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (pipeline)

**Location:** T. 45 N., R. 61 E., section 2, 4, 5, 9.

T. 46 N., R. 61 E., section 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, 29, 32, 33, 34, 35.

T. 47 N., R. 61 E., section 14, 15, 16.

**Description:** Construction of approximately ten miles of pipeline, ten rectangular troughs, and a 10,000 gallon storage tank. The proposed project was identified in the Buckhorn FMUD and the West Buckhorn AMP, approved October 6, 1995.

**Analysis Status:** Decision Record Issued 1/15/99. Protest received from Idaho Watersheds Project on 2/18/99. Final Decision issued in the fall of 1999. Easement acquisition in progress.

**Contact:** Bruce Thompson

**Allotment:** West Buckhorn

**Title:** Windy Ridge Fence Extension

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (fence)

**Location:** T. 46 N., R. 60 E., section 24.

T. 46 N., R. 61 E., section 19.

**Description:** The proposed project would consist of approximately 1/2 to 3/4 miles of fence to exclude spring/riparian communities along Canyon Creek from livestock access. The proposed project was identified in the Buckhorn FMUD and the West Buckhorn AMP approved October 6, 1995.

**Analysis Status:** Decision expected in September, 2000.

**Contact:** Bruce Thompson

**Allotment:** Buckhorn

**Title:** Buckhorn Allotment Spring/Wet Exclosures

**Type of Action:** Range Improvements (exclosures)

**Location:** Buckhorn Allotment

**Description:** The spring exclosures (8) were identified in the Buckhorn Allotment FMUD, the O'Neil/Salmon Falls HMP, and the Wells RMP to enhance the springs and associated riparian habitat. Initial survey and design of 5 springs is expected to be completed in FY2000.

**Analysis Status:** Initial project identification and layout.

**Contact:** Bruce Thompson

**Allotment:** West Buckhorn

**Title:** Canyon Creek Fences

**Type of Action:** Range Improvements (fences)

**Location:** T. 45 N., R. 60 E., Section 1, 12.

T. 46 N., R. 61 E., Section 6, 7, 19, 31.

T. 46 N., R. 60 E., Section 13, 24, 25, 35, 36.

**Description:** The proposed project would consist of approximately four miles of fence to exclude spring/riparian communities along Canyon Creek from livestock access. The proposed project was identified in the Buckhorn FMUD and the West Buckhorn AMP approved October 6, 1995.

**Analysis Status:** Initial project identification and layout

**Contact:** Bruce Thompson

**Allotment:** West Buckhorn

**Title:** Pole Creek Corridor Fence

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (fence)

**Location:** T. 45 N., R. 61 E., Section 21, 22, 27, 28, 33, 34.

T. 45 N., R. 61 E., Section 3, 4, 10, 15.

**Description:** The proposed project would consist of approximately four miles of fence to exclude spring/riparian communities along Pole Creek from livestock access. The proposed project was outlined in the Buckhorn FMUD and the West Buckhorn AMP approved October 6, 1995.

**Analysis Status:** Initial project identification and layout

**Contact:** Bruce Thompson

**Allotment:** East Buckhorn

**Title:** Wilson Creek Pasture Fence

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (fence)

**Location:** T. 46 N., R. 62 E., Section 6, 7, 8.

**Description:** Construction of approximately 2 1/2 miles of fence in the East Buckhorn

**Allotment:** The fence would help facilitate livestock grazing in the East Buckhorn Allotment. The proposed project was identified in the Buckhorn FMUD and the East Buckhorn AMP approved October 6, 1995.

**Analysis Status:** Initial project identification and layout

**Contact:** Bruce Thompson

**Allotment:** Safford Canyon Allotment

**Title:** Rocky Stock Pond

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (water development)

**Location:** T. 31 N., R. 50 E. section 14.

**Description:** Construct a small reservoir to collect spring runoff to provide livestock water in the Safford Canyon Seeding. The reservoir would be needed before the Safford Seeding Fence was constructed which would keep cattle off of the Humboldt River. The proposed reservoir would provide an alternative source of water for livestock in the northern portion of the Safford Seeding.

**Analysis Status:** Initial project identification and layout

**Contact:** Tom Warren

**Allotment:** Thomas Creek and Safford Canyon

**Title:** Number One Spring Development

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (pipeline)

**Location:** T. 30 N., R. 50 E., section 2.

**Description:** Reconstruct an existing spring and pipeline. The pipeline would be approximately 0.25 miles and there would be two troughs supplying water to the Thomas Creek Native Pasture and the Safford Canyon Seeding. The proposed project was identified in the Thomas Creek Allotment FMUD, February 1995. The proposed spring development would involve fencing the spring.

**Analysis Status:** EA expected during FY2000.

**Contact:** Tom Warren

**Allotment:** Horseshoe

**Title:** Horseshoe Pasture Fence

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (fence)

**Location:** T. 32 N., R. 50 E., section 4, 16, 21, 28, 33.

**Description:** To construct 4.25 miles of pasture fence in the Horseshoe Allotment. The pasture fence was proposed in the Horseshoe Allotment Evaluation/Agreement date 9/30/88. The purpose of the fence is to create another pasture to provide for a four pasture grazing system.

**Analysis Status:** EA completion expected during FY2000.

**Contact:** Tom Warren

**Allotment:** Safford Canyon

**Title:** Safford Seeding Fence

**Type of Action:** Range Improvements (fences)

**Location:** T. 31 N., R. 50 E., section 12.

**Description:** The proposed fence was identified in the Safford Canyon Allotment Evaluation and Agreement in 1988. The fence is being proposed to control livestock grazing along the Humboldt River riparian area within the Safford Seeding.

**Analysis Status:** Initial project identification and layout.

**Contact:** Tom Warren

**Allotment:** Thomas Creek

**Title:** Thomas Creek Pipeline Reconstruction

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (pipeline)

**Location:** T. 30 N., R. 50 E., sections 13, 14.

T. 30 N., R. 51 E., section 6.

**Description:** To redevelop Thomas Creek Spring and reconstruct approximately three miles of pipeline along with three troughs to supply water to livestock within the Thomas Creek Seeding, Thomas Creek Allotment. The proposed project was identified in the Thomas Creek Allotment Final Multiple Use Decision, February 1995. The project would also include fencing the spring source to prevent trampling by livestock.

**Analysis Status:** NEPA analysis scheduled to be completed during FY2000.

**Contact:** Tom Warren

**Allotment:** 25

**Title:** Lower Rock Creek (Dee Gold) Seeding

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement: Dee (Glamis) Gold Mining Company Big Game Habitat Mitigation (Big Game Winter Range Rehabilitation Seeding)

**Location:** East slope of the Sheep Creek Range and Boulder Valley 10-13 miles north of Dunphy, NV, Eureka and Lander Counties; and west slope of Sheep Creek Range between Sheep Creek and Izzenhood Gap, Lander County.

**Description:** Rehabilitation of crucial mule deer and pronghorn antelope winter range. Spring seedbed preparation followed by fall-winter seeding operations.

**Analysis Status:** Project year and dates pending completion of priority 1999 Northern Nevada Fire Complex BAER Plan work. NEPA Compliance is pending final survey and design, and project review. Note: Dee (Glamis) Gold mitigation funds for this project may be requested to help fund 1999 Northern Nevada Fire Complex BAER Plan Amendments for the same affected big game herds on winter ranges in close proximity to Sheep Creek Range (see below).

**Contact:** Kenneth Wilkinson

**Allotment:** Squaw Valley

**Title:** Guard Corral Seeding

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement: 1999 Northern Nevada Fire Complex, BAER Plan - Clover Fire Amendment. Big Game Winter Range Rehabilitation Seeding

**Location:** West slope of the Izzenhood Range two to three miles east of Guard Corral and approximately 14 miles southwest of Midas, NV.

**Description:** Rehabilitation of burned crucial mule deer and pronghorn antelope winter range within the 73,000-acre 1999 Clover Fire perimeter. Spring 2000 seedbed preparation (disking) followed by fall 2000-winter 2001 seeding operations. Target approximately 575 to 1,242 acres depending on funding.

**Analysis Status:** NEPA Compliance is pending final BAER Plan Amendment, survey and design, and project review. Cultural inventory was completed on approximately 1,242 acres in December 1999. Dee (Glamis) Gold mitigation funds may be requested for partial funding of this project if other funds are not available.

**Contact:** Kenneth Wilkinson

**Allotment:** Mineral Hill

**Title:** Mineral Hill Bitterbrush Reseeding/Planting

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement: 1999 Northern Nevada Fire Complex, BAER Plan, Sadler Fire -Mineral Hill Amendment. Rehabilitate Burned Big Game Winter Range

**Location:** West slope of the Sulphur Springs Range in Eureka County one mile east of Mineral Hill site and approximately 38 miles south of Carlin, NV.

**Description:** Rehabilitation of burned crucial mule deer winter range within the 200,000-acre 1999 Sadler Fire perimeter. Proposed Action for Fall-Winter 1999 - Winter 2000: Authorize Nevada Division of Wildlife to use small tractor and Hansen Seed Dribblers to distribute approximately 300 pounds of bitterbrush seed on approximately 200 acres.

Proposed Action - Fall 2000 and/or Spring 2001 and/or Fall 2001: Hand-plant approximately 10,000 tubling bitterbrush plants during the fall of 2000 at about 250 seedlings/acre to cover 40 acres, and 10,000 browse plants during the spring of 2001 and/or fall 2001 within the same inventoried perimeter to cover an additional 40 acres.

**Analysis Status:** BAER Plan Amendment completed; final approval pending as of 12/23/99. Cultural inventory was completed on approximately 2,000 acres in December 1999. Funds for bitterbrush tublings being requested from wildlife conservation organizations at present time.

**Contact:** Kenneth Wilkinson

## **F. Noxious Weeds**

**Title:** Elko District Noxious Weed Treatment

**Type of Action:** Range Improvement (vegetation treatment)

**Location:** Various Locations throughout the Elko District

**Description:** Chemically or manually treat various types of noxious weeds found on Public Lands in the Elko District.

**Analysis Status:** EAs or other NEPA documentation will be ongoing

Contact: Stan Kemmerer

#### IV. Allotment Evaluations

The Records of Decision for the Wells and Elko Resource Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement (RMP/EIS) were issued on July 16, 1985 and March 11, 1987 respectively. These documents established the multiple use goals and objectives which guide management of the public lands in the Wells and Elko planning areas of the Elko Field Office. The Wells and Elko Rangeland Program Summaries (RPS) were issued on September 15, 1986 and July 23, 1987 respectively. These documents further identified specific resource management objectives for each grazing allotment in the Wells and Elko planning areas.

On February 12, 1997, the Secretary of the Interior approved Standards and Guidelines for Nevada. These standards and guidelines provide clear direction to achieve properly functioning ecosystems for both upland and riparian areas. They also provide for managing rangelands in a manner that will achieve or maintain ecological health, including the protection of habitats for threatened or endangered species and the protection of water quality.

An administrative determination of Land Use Plan Conformance and National Environmental Policy Act analysis was completed for Nevada's Standards and Guidelines. This administrative determination concluded that the proposed standards and guidelines were in conformance with Nevada's approved land use plans and complied with NEPA environmental documentation; therefore, no further environmental analysis was required.

In Nevada, the allotment evaluation process is used to determine if existing multiple uses are meeting or making progress toward meeting general land use plan objectives, allotment specific objectives, and the standards and guidelines. The allotment evaluation consists of or involves the following:

- The evaluation of current grazing use by all users (livestock, wild horses, wildlife) based on monitoring data analysis and interpretation.
- Recommendations to change or adjust grazing systems.
- Recommendations to change or adjust stocking levels.
- Establishment of stocking levels for wild horses.

Additionally, allotment specific objectives may have to be developed or amended, objectives in the land use plans further quantified at the allotment specific level, and terms and conditions of permits changed or revised to reflect the goals and objectives of the

standards.

The grazing regulations that became effective on August 21, 1995 require that the terms and conditions of grazing permits and leases must ensure conformance with the standards and guidelines. If, during the allotment evaluation process, it is found that the existing terms and conditions are not meeting those standards, and livestock grazing is a significant factor in not meeting the standards, then as soon as possible or no later than the start of the next grazing year, the terms and conditions of the permit will be modified to ensure significant progress toward attainment of the standards.

The allotment evaluation serves as the basis for issuing Multiple Use Decisions (MUDs). MUDs are prepared subsequent to completion of land use plans and are based on the attainment or non-attainment of multiple use objectives and/or standards for rangeland health. Therefore, where the allotment evaluation process has identified the need to make changes in current grazing use (livestock, wild horses, wildlife), the MUD process is used to establish:

- The terms and conditions of livestock grazing permits.
- The Appropriate Management Level (AML) for wild horses and burros.
- Any recommendations for wildlife populations or habitat management actions.

Allotment evaluations are completed based on field office priorities. Allotment evaluations scheduled for completion in Fiscal Year 2000 by the Elko Field Office are as follows:

Allotment Evaluations and Multiple use Decisions scheduled to be issued in FY 2000:	
Allotment	Project Lead(s)
Little Humboldt	Mike Jensen Carol Evans
Owyhee	Mike Jensen
<u>Maverick-Medicine Complex:</u> Maverick/Ruby 9 Currie Bald Mountain Odgers West Cherry Creek (re-evaluation) North Butte Valley (re-evaluation)	Bruce Thompson Kathy McKinstry Doug Furtado

Allotment Evaluations and Multiple use Decisions scheduled to be issued in FY 2000:	
Allotment	Project Lead(s)
Sheep Allotment Complex:: Ferber Flat Silver Island UT/NV South UT/NV North West White Horse Boone Springs Lead Hills Sugar Loaf White Horse Leppy Hills	Doug Furtado Bruce Thompson
Big Springs	Karl Scheetz

## V. Documents Completed Since July, 1999 Project and Planning Schedule

### A. Minerals

**Title:** Barrick Exploration Project

**Type of Action:** Plan of Operations

**Location:** Barrick Goldstrike Mine/Betze Project Area

**Description:** Exploration activities consist of drilling, trenching, and associated road and drill pad construction. This exploration plan proposes drilling 140 holes, constructing 4000 feet of trench, and constructing up to 42,000 lineal feet of road per year for a period of 5 years. This proposal would create 43 acres of disturbance per year for a total of 215 acres of surface disturbance over a 5-year period.

**Analysis Status:** EA completed.

**Contact:** Janice Stadelman

**Title:** Great Basin Gold's Ivanhoe Exploration Project

**Type of Action:** Plan of Operations

**Location:** Ivanhoe Gold Mine Area

**Description:** Exploration activities consist of drilling and associated road and drill pad construction. This exploration plan proposes drilling 50 holes, and constructing up to 3,000 lineal



feet of road for a period of one year. This proposal would create 5 acres of total disturbance.

**Analysis Status:** EA completed..

**Contact:** Janice Stadelman

**Title:** Newmont Gold Company's Pete Project

**Type of Action:** Plan of Operations

**Location:** Carlin Mine

**Description:** Based on preliminary discussions, the proposal would consist of mining the Pete Deposit by means of open-pit. Facilities to be constructed would consist of a waste rock dump, haul road realignment, and an ore stockpile area. Acreages of disturbance unknown, waiting for a proposal to be submitted to the BLM.

**Analysis Status:** EA completed.

**Contact:** Janice Stadelman

## **B. Lands**

**Title:** City of Carlin Exchange

**Type of Action:** Land Exchange

**Location:** Carlin, Nevada

**Description:** Land exchange between the City of Carlin and the Bureau of Land Management.

**Analysis Status:** The environmental assessment for this action has been completed. The Notice of Decision was published on November 2, 1999.

**Contact:** Susan Elliott

**Title:** City of Elko Exchange

**Type of Action:** Land Exchange

**Location:** Elko, NV

**Description:** Land exchange between the City of Elko and the Bureau of Land Management.

**Analysis Status:** The environmental assessment for this action has been completed. The Notice of Decision was published on April 7, 1999. The appraisal is in progress.

**Contact:** Susan Elliott

**Title:** Bailey Desert Land Entry

**Type of Action:** Desert Land Entry

**Location:** Pine Valley, NV

**Description:** Hale Bailey has applied to develop about 80 acres of public land into irrigated agriculture. He would install a pivot sprinkler system which would utilize water from an existing well located on his adjacent private land.

**Analysis Status:** EA complete, Decision Record issued 4/7/99. Allowance of Entry

issued 7/16/99.

**Contact:** Susan Elliott

**Title:** NDOT Land Sale

**Type of Action:** Direct Sale

**Location:** 5 acres near Deeth, NV

**Description:** Direct, non-competitive sale to NDOT.

**Analysis Status:** EA complete, Decision Record issued 4/7/99. Patent issued 6/15/99.

**Contact:** Susan Elliott

**Title:** West Wendover Water Pipeline upgrade

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** West Wendover, NV

**Description:** Water pipeline amendment from West Wendover to Johnson Springs. Addition of a new well and replacement/addition of new or existing water pipelines.

**Analysis Status:** EA Complete. Decision Record issued 6/16/99.

**Contact:** Susan Elliott

**Title:** Tehama Holdings, Inc.

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Location:** Beowawe, NV

**Description:** Access road between two subdivisions.

**Analysis Status:** EA complete. Decision Record issued 6/16/99

**Contact:** Susan Elliott

**Title:** Sierra Pacific Power Right-of-way in association with Williams Fiber Optic I-80 project. N-65832

**Location:** Dunphy area

**Description:** Provide power to ancillary facility (OP-AMP station) near Dunphy exit in support of Williams Communications Fiber Optic project within the I-80 corridor.

**Analysis Status:** Decision Record issued 9/24/99.

**Contact:** Carolyn Spoon

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Title:** Crescent Valley Ranch&Farms Access Road

**Location:** north of the town of Crescent Valley

**Description:** Access road

**Contact:** Jean Toth

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Title:** Wells Sewer line Amendment

**Location:** City of Wells

**Description:** Sewer line

**Contact:** Jean Toth

**Type of Action:** Right-of-way

**Title:** Clover Valley Communications Cable

**Location:** Clover Valley area

**Description:** buried telephone cable

**Contact:** Jean Toth

### **C. Recreation/Wilderness**

**Title:** South Fork Humboldt River Management Plan

**Type of Action:** Management Plan

**Location:** South Fork Humboldt River Canyon

**Description:** Development of an interdisciplinary management plan for the South Fork Humboldt River Canyon, from the South Fork State Park downstream to the canyon mouth.

**Analysis Status:** Completed.

**Contact:** Steve Dondero

**Title:** Goshute Peak WSA Canada Thistle Control

**Type of Action:** Wilderness Study Area Rehabilitation

**Location:** T. 29 N., R. 68 E., section 2.

T. 30 N., R. 68 E., section 35, 36.

**Description:** Canada thistle, a noxious weed, would be removed from the Goshute Peak WSA. The thistle would be sprayed with a herbicide, clipped to remove seed heads, or a combination of both treatments.

**Analysis Status:** Completed.

**Contact:** Evelyn Treiman

### **D. Fire**

**Title:** Stormy 2 Prescribed Burn

**Type of Action:** Prescribed Fire

**Location:** Stormy Allotment

**Description:** Prescribed fire to enhance wildlife habitat diversity and create age class diversity within selected sagebrush stands.

**Analysis Status:** Completed.

**Contact:** Bob Means

**E. Range/Wildlife/Riparian Habitat Improvements**

None

**F. Noxious Weeds****Title:** Wilson and Zunino/Jiggs SRMA**Type of Action:** Vegetation Treatment (Noxious Weed Treatment)**Location:** Wilson Reservoir SRMA: T. 44 N., R. 50 E., section 27, SE1/4; section 34, E1/2.

Zunino/Jiggs Reservoir SRMA: T. 30 N., R. 56 E., section 22, S1/2SW1/4; section 27, W1/2NW1/4 NE1/4, W1/2; section 28, SE1/4NE1/4, NE1/4N1/2SE1/4.

**Description:** Canada thistle, bull thistle, hoary cress and perennial pepperweed would be eliminated from these two intensively used recreation management areas by spraying with herbicide.**Analysis:** EA completed.**Contact:** Steve Dondero**VI. ADs/DNAs Completed since July, 1999**

On July 1, 1999, the Administrative Determination (AD) process was replaced by the Documentation of Land Use Plan Conformance And National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Adequacy Review (DNA) process. In the following table, the first two entries are AD documents. The entries following those are all DNA documents

Document #	Title	Applicant	EA/EIS Reference	Date of Review
AD 99-085	Salmon River MUD	Salmon River	Wells RMP/EIS	6/22/99
AD 99-086	Grazing Use Authorization	Worthington Trust	Elko RMP/EIS	7/21/99
BLM/EK/DN A-99/001	Hog Tommy PMUD & FMUD	BLM	Elko RMP/EIS	7/19/99
BLM/EK/DN A-99/002	Temporary Nonrenewable Grazing Use	Maggie Creek	Elko RMP/EIS	7/28/99

Document #	Title	Applicant	EA/EIS Reference	Date of Review
BLM/EK/DN A-99/003	Change In Period of Grazing Use	Lear	Wells RMP/EIS	8/2/99
BLM/EK/DN A-99/004	Grazing Permit Transfer	Boyd	Elko RMP/EIS	8/23/99
BLM/EK/DN A-99/005	Grazing Permit Transfer	Humboldt West	Elko RMP/EIS	8/23/99
BLM/EK/DN A-99/006	Grazing Permit Transfer	Bedke	Wells RMP/EIS	8/25/99
BLM/EK/DN A-99/007	Temporary Nonrenewable Grazing Use	Wines	Wells RMP/EIS	8/30/99
BLM/EK/DN A-99/008	Change In Period of Grazing Use	Paris & Sons	Wells RMP/EIS	9/17/99
BLM/EK/DN A-99/009	Grazing Permit Transfer	J. R. Simplot Revocable Trust	Wells RMP/EIS	12/6/99
BLM/EK/DN A-2000/001	Bishop Creek Grazing Use Authorization	Craig Spratling	Wells RMP/EIS	10/8/99
BLM/EK/DN A-2000/002	West Cherry Creek Change In Period of Grazing Use	Bert Paris & Sons	Wells RMP/EIS	10/8/99
BLM/EK/DN A-2000/003	Simplot Grazing Permit Transfer	J. R. Simplot Revocable Trust	Wells RMP/EIS	12/6/99
BLM/EK/DN A-2000/004	HD Change In Period of Grazing Use	Holtz, Inc.	Wells RMP/EIS	10/28/99

Document #	Title	Applicant	EA/EIS Reference	Date of Review
BLM/EK/DN A-2000/005	Ruby #8 Grazing Use Authorization	C. & G. Wines	Wells RMP/EIS	12/02/99
BLM/EK/DN A-2000/006	North Butte Valley Change In Period of Grazing Use	W. & E. Dickenson	Wells RMP/EIS	11/30/99